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PATENTAmendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-35 (Canceled).

36. (Previously Presented) The mechanical fastening system of claim 37 wherein the stretchable loop fastener component can be elastically stretched at least 100 percent in at least one direction.

37. (Previously Presented) A mechanical fastening system for an article, said mechanical fastening system comprising:

a stretchable loop fastener component mountable on the article and comprising a stretch bonded laminate, said stretch bonded
5 laminate comprising an elastomeric substrate and a high bond point nonwoven loop material having greater than 225 bond points per square inch; and

a hook fastener component mountable on the article and adapted for releasable engagement with the loop fastener component;

10 wherein the stretchable loop fastener component is stretchable relative to the hook fastener component when the fastener components are engaged.

38. (Previously Presented) The mechanical fastening system of claim 37 wherein the high bond point nonwoven loop material has a bond area of greater than 10 percent.

39. (Previously Presented) The mechanical fastening system of claim 38 wherein the high bond point nonwoven loop material has a bond area of greater than 20 percent.

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40. (Previously Presented) The mechanical fastening system of claim 39 wherein the high bond point nonwoven loop material has a bond area of greater than 30 percent.

41. (Previously Presented) The mechanical fastening system of claim 37 wherein the high bond point nonwoven loop material has at least 250 bond points per square inch.

42. (Previously Presented) The mechanical fastening system of claim 41 wherein the high bond point nonwoven loop material has a bond area of greater than 20 percent.

43. (Previously Presented) The mechanical fastening system of claim 42 wherein the high bond point nonwoven loop material has a bond area of greater than 30 percent.

44. (Previously Presented) The mechanical fastening system of claim 37 wherein the high bond point nonwoven loop material has at least 275 bond points per square inch.

45. (Previously Presented) The mechanical fastening system of claim 44 wherein the high bond point nonwoven loop material has a bond area of greater than 20 percent.

46. (Previously Presented) The mechanical fastening system of claim 45 wherein the high bond point nonwoven loop material has a bond area of greater than 30 percent.

47. (Previously Presented) The mechanical fastening system of claim 37 wherein the high bond point nonwoven loop material is mechanically prestrained.

48. (Previously Presented) The mechanical fastening system of claim 47 wherein the high bond point nonwoven loop material is neck-stretched.

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49. (Previously Presented) The mechanical fastening system of claim 37 wherein the high bond point nonwoven loop material has at least 300 bond points per square inch and a bond area of greater than
5 10 percent.

50. (Previously Presented) The mechanical fastening system of claim 49 wherein the high bond point nonwoven loop material has a bond area of greater than 20 percent.

51. (Previously Presented) The mechanical fastening system of claim 50 wherein the high bond point nonwoven loop material has a bond area of greater than 30 percent.

52. (Previously Presented) The mechanical fastening system of claim 37 in combination with a disposable absorbent article for personal wear, said disposable article comprising a body having first and second end regions and comprising an inner layer for contact with
5 the wearer's skin, at least a portion of the inner layer being liquid permeable, an outer layer in opposed relation with the inner layer, and an absorbent layer disposed between the inner layer and the outer layer, the loop fastener component being disposed on the absorbent article in the first end region and the hook fastener component being
10 disposed on the absorbent article in the second end region.

53. (Currently amended) A mechanical fastening system for an article, said mechanical fastening system comprising:

a stretchable loop fastener component mountable on the article and comprising an elastomeric substrate and a high bond point non-
5 woven loop material having greater than 225 bond points per square inch secured to said substrate, said non-woven loop material being substantially ~~non-creped~~ ungathered on the substrate; and

a hook fastener component mountable on the article and adapted for releasable engagement with the loop fastener component;

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wherein the stretchable loop fastener component is stretchable relative to the hook fastener component when the fastener components are engaged.

54. (Currently Amended) A mechanical fastening system for an article, said mechanical fastening system comprising:

a stretchable loop fastener component mountable on the article and comprising an elastomeric substrate and a high bond point non-woven loop material having greater than 225 bond points per square inch and secured to said substrate, the bond points on the non-woven loop material being defined by discrete compression points, said non-woven loop material being substantially free from discrete compression points other than at said bond points; and

10 a hook fastener component mountable on the article and adapted for releasable engagement with the loop fastener component;

wherein the stretchable loop fastener component is stretchable relative to the hook fastener component when the fastener components are engaged.